

Fast forward: we got a chance to work together in the Shimkus congressional office. Then she went on to bigger and brighter things working for then-Chairman Goodlatte on the House Agriculture Committee, and then to top it off she had to work for Chairman SENBRENNER on the Judiciary Committee. Then as luck would have it, in 2012 I won the closest Republican victory in the Nation. Jen was already making a name for herself in the private sector, but she wanted to come back to the Hill and be a chief of staff.

I remember how painful she was to work with when we worked together on that campaign, and I just threw her in as an interview because I knew her. If there was a fifth slot and I was only interviewing four, she would have got it.

But do you know what?

She came in with a plan. She wowed my wife, who was in the interview with me, and my district director, who was in the interview with me, and reminded me how special of a person she was.

Jen likes to say: Thank you for taking a chance on a single mom with a 4-year-old daughter at the time to come back to the Hill and be a part of this institution, because it was her dream to lead an office.

She has got it all wrong once again, because I am glad she took a chance on me as a new Member of Congress who won by only 1,002 votes and came in and made sure that we built an office that was led under the same principles with which we still lead today: work hard, be nice to people, and lead.

This institution over the last 8½ years has been made a lot better place because Jen Daulby was a part of it. I am honored that she was my chief of staff for 6 years and has been running the House Administration minority side for the House for the last 2½ years.

There is not a single GOP staffer in this institution who does not know her name and has not been thankful for the information that she has been able to put out. She helped take the smallest committee in Congress—the House Administration Committee—and allowed us to lead on so many issues.

Now, as she moves back into the private sector, I have to wish her well. It is with a heavy heart I do so, because I can tell you there is not a more tenacious, there is not a more loyal, and there is not a more dedicated person to making this House of Representatives work for all of us as Members of Congress, for every staff member—like she and I used to be—for every single American.

Jen was here on the floor with us on January 6. Jen was the first person I saw when I walked into my office after I watched my friends get shot on a baseball field. Jen was the first person I saw on day one as a Member of Congress. She is a leader, she is a patriot, and she will always, always have my thanks, the thanks of the American people, and the thanks of this institu-

tion. But most importantly, her favorite job is being a mom to her young daughter.

I wish her well in going back to being a mom to Reagan, but I am always going to call you one of my best friends.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from references to guests on the floor of the House.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHAD KALEPA BAYBAYAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. KAHELE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KAHELE. Madam Speaker:

(English translation of the statement made in Hawaiian by Mr. KAHELE is as follows:)

The dark, clouded heavens weep. The spirit has embarked on the path with no return.

Ua kani mai ka papa wa'a
Ua uē ka lani pō panopano
Ua lele ka 'uhane i ke ala ho'i-ole mai

Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to share with you and the Nation the sad news of the passing of a great navigator, leader, educator, and friend, Chad Kalepa Baybayan.

On March 8, 1975, the deep-sea voyaging canoe Hokule'a was launched. Born of legends and stories brought to life through the paintings of the acclaimed Hawaiian artist Herb Kane, it was the first Hawaiian voyaging canoe to sail Hawaii's waters in over 600 years and became a catalyst for Hawaiian pride and identity during the Hawaiian renaissance.

At the age of 19, Kalepa's first connection to Hokule'a was on the shores of his home island of Maui in 1975 during Hokule'a's sail trials and crew training. This first connection inspired him and forever changed his life. He has diligently served the voyaging movement ever since, learning, growing, then mastering and teaching the next generation of navigators.

Kalepa also believed deeply in the importance of education as a vessel to expand the reach of voyaging, and the legacy of education his kupuna and lahui, his ancestors and nation, left for him to continue.

Kalepa obtained a bachelor's in Hawaiian studies and a master's in education, all while being intimately involved with voyaging and wayfinding. He was fluent in 'olelo Hawaii and had a firm belief that indigenous knowledge guiding modern technologies will hold the answers to many of the challenges facing our world today.

In his professional career, Kalepa served as the site director of Honukai, the exploration sciences division of the 'Aha Punana Leo, where his dedication to his language, culture, and love of voyaging inspired him to build the first Hawaiian language voyaging canoe, Hokualeka'i, that touched hundreds of

students and introduced them to voyaging through the perspective of his native tongue.

Kalepa then went on to serve as the first-ever navigator in residence at the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center at UH Hilo, which he helped to establish. His work at 'Imiloa also allowed him to engage in the international indigenous education movement while also engaging in the various sciences, bringing the knowledge of his people to the world.

Kalepa was one of just five Native Hawaiian navigators inducted into the rank of Pwo by the late Satawalese Master Navigator Pius "Mau" Pailug in 2007. When asked about the kuleana, or responsibilities of being a Pwo master navigator, Kalepa would always simply state that being Pwo is being a light for your community and for your people.

Most recently, Kalepa was key to the success of the World Wide Voyage, which took the voyaging canoe Hokule'a around the world on 31 legs to over 150 ports in 18 nations and to these very shores of Washington, D.C., in May 2016, bringing attention to the health of the oceans, its people, and the need for a more sustainable world.

Kalepa crewed 18 of the 31 legs of this 3-year voyage and, over his career, logged more miles voyaging than any other crewmember in the nearly five-decade history of the Polynesian voyaging canoe Hokule'a.

Kalepa was first and foremost a dedicated and loving husband, son, sibling, father, and grandfather who sought tirelessly to do his part in creating a better world for his 'ohana, his family, and for all children of the world. His unwavering commitment to being a light to his community and his desire to make this world a better place has always shone forth.

I say to my colleagues that Kalepa is a prime example of the type of leader we should all aspire to be, one who inspires others to action while at the same time creating opportunities, oftentimes when they least expect it, for them to fulfill their responsibilities to their communities.

Madam Speaker, on April 8, 2021, Kalepa took his final voyage from this earthly realm, e ola mau loa ka inoa 'o Chad Kalepa Baybayan. His legacy will live on. May we learn from this legacy of service as we lead this Nation and navigate the waters ahead. Mahalo.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Hawaii will provide a translation of his remarks to the Clerk.

RECOGNIZING ROZALYNN FEDERLINE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rozalynn Federline for her substantial political investment in my district. She most recently